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REMARKS

- No prior art discloses a beam that is extendible to increase the spacing between lift legs as claimed.
 - Gee's platform 10 is dimensionally fixed.
 - Engler's booms 26, 28, and 30 are mounted on a common chassis 12 and cannot move horizontally relative to another.
 - The French patent's beam 9 is rigid, and the beam 3, though articulatable about its center, cannot extend linearly to increase the spacing between the lift leg 33 and the lift legs 12 and 14.